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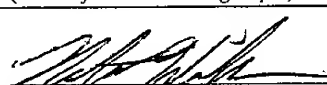
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2003, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested. A Terminal Disclaimer with a check for \$110.00 and the transmittal of formal drawings accompany this response.

| CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8 | |
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| I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, January 28, 2004 , in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313. | |
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